

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: OPTICAL DEVICE WITH ENHANCED MECHANICAL STABILITY OPERATING  
IN THE EXTREME ULTRAVIOLET AND LITHOGRAPHY MASK COMPRISING  
SUCH A DEVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims;

**Remarks.**